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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takao IKARIYA et al.

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METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the species requirement dated September 8, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the species of compound 27 in Table 2 on page 69 of the specification.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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